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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

Prior to examination, please amend the above-identified application as follows.

IN THE CLAIMS

Please add new claims 23-28 as follows:

-- ~~23.~~ A communication terminal which has functions of disassembling multiplexed signals obtained by multiplexing data into cells of fixed length, adding each of the cells with a header containing destination information and transmitting/receiving the cell added to the header through a communication line, comprising:

a discriminator for referring to the destination information of each of

cells which are received through the communication line to discriminate, with

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